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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2006 and 13 December 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 12/13/06 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date, ____.
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawing received on 12/13/06 is accepted.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 5 states "and receiving", the Examiner suggests replacing "and" with "for". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lofley et al. (WO 90/13280) embodiment of Figure 1 and Figure 14. Lofley et al. shows a urine collection device including a urine receptor a rim 13 defining inlet area 11, an elongate tubular member 12 extending to an open end from receptor outlet aperture 14 with opening formed in the sidewall (near 102 of Figure 1) of the tubular member 12, a coupling means 18 for releasably mounting urine collection container, and a flow director 102 (page 13, lines 9-12). In regard to claim 2, Lofley et al. shows the flow director is a projection along the tubular member (Figure 1). In regard to claims 3 and 4, Lofley et al. shows that the projection is provided upstream and downstream of the opening. The Examiner is defining upstream of the opening according to Figure 1 as the region to the right and along wall 16 of 102 and downstream as the region to the left and along wall 19 of 102. In regard to

claim 5, Lofley et al. shows the projection upstream the opening as a surface inclined relative to the surface of the side of the tubular member 12 (Figure 1 shows the inclined surface at 102). In regard to claim 6, Lofley et al. shows a wall 16 that extends across the tubular member corresponding to the upstream edge of opening. In regard to claim 7, the flow director 102 is formed to channel the urine flow along either side of the aperture (Figure 1). In regard to claim 8, Lofley et al. shows the projection towards the longitudinal axis of the tubular member comprises the passage of the coupling means 18 the passage extending into the tubular member and presenting an area within the tubular member into which urine can enter and flow into the collection container 17 (Figure 1 near 103 and 19). In regard to claim 9, the passage of the coupling means 18 extends into the tubular member by an amount corresponding between 20-60% of the height of the internal dimension of the tubular member 12. The Examiner notes that the passage of the coupling means 18 is the region between the collection container 17 and the tubular member 12 and the height of the tubular member is the vertical distance near 14. In regard to claim 10, Lofley et al. shows a semicircular area wherein the passage extends into the tubular member 12 greater downstream than upstream (Figure 1).

5. Claims 1, 2, 8, 11-14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lofley et al. (WO 90/13280) embodiment of Figure 20A to Figure 20G. In regard to claim 1, Lofley et al. shows a urine sample collection device including a urine receptor 301 having a surface that flares out from outlet aperture 306 to a rim 304 defining a perimeter of an inlet area 303; a generally elongate tubular member 315 having an opening formed in the side thereof 316; a coupling means 308; and a flow director 302 and 305 within the tubular adjacent the opening to direct urine past opening 316. In regard to claim 2, the flow director 302 (dashed lines) comprises a projection towards the longitudinal axis of the tubular member 315. In regard to claim 8, Figure 20A shows

the projection 302 toward the longitudinal axis of the tubular member comprises the passage of the coupling means 308, the passage extending into tubular member 315 and presenting an area with the tubular member 315 into which urine can enter the collection container 311. In regard to claim 11, Lofley et al. shows a coupling means 308 with further passage 312 and 309 that meet opening 316 to present an area from which air in the collection container can escape into the tubular member 315. The Examiner notes that the collection container 311 comprises air vents 322, that release air into the coupling member 308. Whereby the coupling member is attached to the opening 316 shared by the urine receptor 301 and the elongate tubular member 315, thus releasing the air from the collection container 311 into the elongate tubular member 315. The Examiner further notes, that the opening 316 includes grooves 307 for releasing air into the elongate tubular member 315 (page 18 line 5 to page 20 line 7). In regard to claim 12, the coupling means 308 extends into the tubular member by an amount greater than the first mentioned passage (The Examiner notes that the passage of the coupling means 308 is the region between the collection container 311 when coupled to the urine receptor 301 and the tubular member 315 and the height of the tubular member is the vertical distance near end of 315.). In regard to claims 13 and 14, Lofley et al. teaches that the further opening of passage 312 is an incline facing downstream relative of the tubular member 315. In regard to claim 16, the tubular member tapers to the open end near 14 (Figure 20A). The Examiner is considering the tubular member 315 to be in connection with the urine receptor 301 and tapers to open end near 315 of Figure 20A (page 18, line 23-25).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lofley et al. in view of Gordon (4494581) embodiment of Figure 1. Lofley et al. shows a urine collection device but lacks a covering means. In regard to claim 15, Gordon teaches a covering means 39 for the opening between the container 30 and the tubular member 13 adjacent the opening (Figure 1). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lofley et al. with a covering means as taught by Gordon for the purpose of providing a closure cap adjacent the opening.

8. Claims 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lofley et al. in view of Gordon (4494581) embodiment of Figure 4. Lofley et al. shows a device for urine collection but lacks a flow limiter comprising a valve and a closure member comprising a ball. In regard to claims 17-19, Gordon teaches a device for urine collection including a flow limiter 50 in the form of a movable valve, contained in collection container 54 that expands when a predetermined amount of urine is collected in the container and closes the valve of the container (column 3, lines 9-23). In regard to claims 20-22, Gordon teaches a closure member 51 in the form of a hollow sphere positioned between the upper and lower openings capable of closing the upper opening (Figure 4 column 3 lines 20-32) and possesses a density lower than urine. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lofley et al.

with a flow limiter comprising a valve and a closure member comprising a ball as taught by Gordon since such modification would provide an indicator that a predetermined volume of urine was collected and a closure unit less dense than urine to inhibit further flow of urine into the collection container.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed 11/9/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant asserts that Lofley et al. fails to disclose a flow director located within the tubular member at or adjacent the opening to direct urine past the opening. However, the Examiner disagrees. Lofley et al. discloses a flow director (102) that directs a portion of urine into the opening (Page 13, lines 9 – 12). Because only a portion of the urine is directed into the opening, a portion is directed past the opening.

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristin D. Rogers whose telephone number is 571.272.7293. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on 571.272.4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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